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METHODS FOR GENERATING POLYNUCLEOTIDES HAVING DESIRED CHARACTERISTICS BY ITERATIVE SELECTION AND RECOMBINATION

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- [X] This application claims priority from each of the following Application Nos/filing dates: USSN 09/713,920, filed November 15, 2000; USSN 09/231.161. filed January 15, 1999; USSN 09/100.856. filed June 18, 1998; USSN 08/537.874, filed March 4, 1996; PCT/US95/02126, filed February 17, 1995; and USSN 08/198,431, filed February 17, 1994, the disclosure(s) of which is (are) incorporated by reference.
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